Thinks Weimer Claim Jumping Amounts to Nothing.

KEEPS HIS HAND DOWN

REFUSES TO SAY WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

Declares, However, That the Snyder Locations Are All Right, and as He is in Possession of the Ground, He Will Retain it-Talk of New

Walter G. Filer, manager for the Kimberley-Huck syndicate, which purground beld by the Snyder Improvement company in the Gold Mountain district, arrived at the Knutsford last be observed, and in nearly all instances, even when not saving a large

Mr. File: was seen regarding the percentage of the values, there are op-"jumping" of the Snyder Improvement territory by U. Weimer and several others, who afterwards assigned their locations to J. B. Weimer, agent for Against Long Time Contracts With the Jessie Weimer Mining company. Mr. Filer was non-communicative on

the subject, and as to what his plans for the future are, he is keeping them a secret just now, for the reason he a secret just now, for the reason he does not wish to show his hand to the enemy in the fight that is to be waged enemy in the fight that is to be waged with the trust in the purchase of ores, with the trust in the purchase of ores. to determine whether the Weimer locations are valid or not. Mr. Filer did say this much, however,

and that is, he is not worried about the outcome of the case; he is satisfied the Snyder Improvement locations are all right, and now that he is in possession of the ground, he expects to retain it.

complications over the

A force of men will be put to work this week breaking ground for the foundations and the material for the building will be on hand at an early date, also the equipment for it. Devel opment work is going ahead as usual in the Annie Laurie mine, and the great deposits of ore are being blocked out ready for extraction.

IMPERIAL COPPER MINE.

R. N. Dickman, of Chicago, Completes an Examination. (Beaver County Blade.)

A large amount of interest is centered in the movements of the Imperial Copper company, which has for its landed foundation about thirty mining claims and important tunnel site in the San of claims which extended from the head of Louber canyon south to the head of the Horn Silver gulch, and including several claims located by Colonel Hawreaches the above number.

years that the Solomon group contained

On Wednesday a Blade representative, accompanied by Mr. Lewis and Mr. R. N. Dickman of Chicago, made a trip over the property by horse and by way of trails which traverse the prop-erty near its east and west side lines. For nearly two miles on the west trail, where the ledge matter has been but little disturbed, the pathway is literally pavedwith the glistening copper ores. Reaching the northwest end of the property, in Louber canyon, opposite the old workings of the Massachusetts property, we were greeted with the sound of hammer, pick and blast, which were being directed by Mr. Lewis through the efficient foremanship of Mr. Robert Martin, in the preliminary development of this vast zone of cor About twenty men were at work at various points, some tunneling for the main vein, others sinking on cross veins, but all of the work directed with the object of testing the ores with depth; as to the permanency of the their nature and extent is a

Mr. Dickman, who is out here in the but there is no room for exaggeration;

Mr. Lewis has outlined a policy which seems to be well conceived and in line with the most approved methods of mining. The work now under way is designed to open up the ore bodies at depths ranging from 200 to 400 feet, and to ascertain their nature desired. and extent, but the principal work outlined is a tunnel starting from a point on the Frisco side of the mountain only short distance from the railroad. which will tap the first cross vein of copper, having its apex on the extreme immit of the mountain, at a depth of The carrying out of this work will at once put the mine in shape for economical working and in direct communication with the railroad.

SNAKE RIVER GOLD.

Problem of Saving it Solved By a has been stated, a single operation.

New Dredge.

(Special Correspondence.) Weiser, Ida., May 25.-Operations on the Snake river placers throughout the state are at this time being pushed with unwonted vigor and with good results. There has been mining of au-riferous sands of this stream since the early '60s, though not with the best success, because the gold is in such a fine state that the ordinary methods have been found inadequate to save a

large percentage of the values.
Yesterday, some twelve miles above where the Boise river empties into the Snake, a new dredge was put in opera-tion that will solve this problem fu!ly, as has been demonstrated by another of the same character which has operated for many months, saving 85 per cent of all the gold. This new dredge is owned by Baker City (Ore.) people, who have formed a close corporation and are carrying forward a private enterprise that bids fair to realize hand-some results, and because of the diference between this and the ordinary dredge, some description will be of in-terest. The dredge itself is of the end-less chain and bucket, or ladder, pat-tern so successfully operated in New Zealand. The sand is brought from the bar to the dredge by means of buckets on the chain, and there dumped into the sluices after passing over a set of

This sluice is horseshoe-shaped, extending completely around the inside of the boat. At intervals along the sluice are slides, on which the water is so diverted as to deposit the black sand and finer gold, while the coarse material is caught as ordinarily. At the natural is caught as ordinarily. back end of the boat is an old-time Nephi, Utah, May 26.—At a sheriff's Spanish arastra, and into this is sale today, on execution in the case of Correct Launderers

quicksilver is used, and it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that this does save a great portion of the precous metal. After treatment in the arastra the mercury is expelled through a chamois skin sack, and is ready again for its peculiar functions.
This dredge is being watched very closely, and there is no question but that within another year there will be many such in operation. One gentleman of means, who owns 1,200 acres of the rich sands of the Snake, is already having plans drawn for several such, and the order for their construc-

tion will be given within a few days. There are few people who have the least idea of the value of the Snake river gravels. There is hardly a spot on the whole stream where placer gold may not be found in paying quantity, the great drawback as hitherto stated The operation of a dredge that will save 80 to 85 per cent of the value means a bonanza to whoever has it. Some places along the river gold can-not be found without deep operations, and under water, because here the high waters have deposited the detritus of ages and covered the gold-bearing sands, but where these conditions do not obtain, placer miners always find ground that will run from 12 to 35 chased the Annie Laurie mine and the cents per yard. How many dredges ground held by the Snyder Improve- are now at work along the river it is impossible to state, though every few miles the smoke from one or more may

ORE PRODUCERS CAUTIONED. Smelter Trust.

erated to a profit.

Very few are aware of it, but during the past week or two representatives of a coterie of anti-trust smelters have been in Utah looking over the field with a view of entering into competition with the trust in the purchase of ores, provided a certain tonnage from these provided a certain tonnage from these parts can be relied upon. The gentlemen have visited several producers within the past week and have cautioned them against entering into long time contracts with the trust, and gave the assurances that they would enter the field as buyers, provided the mine owners will give them a certain amount of their ores to make it interesting.

for the building of the new mill for the Annie Laurie on the site selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it, which is on territory covered by the selected for it. ing to build an independent smelter if

hey want to. Although Vice-President Sewell of the smelter combine has declared that the treatment charges on Utah ores will be reduced, this well-known operator believes that such statements have been made for a purpose, and that is to head off any movement tending to-wards the erection of an independent plant. By doing so the combine man agers hope to continue to control the local ore market and keep right on with no competition to hinder them from doing just as they please in this Cured Fruit association is making a final

IN COPPER GULCH

The Morrison Group, Says Dr. Franklin, Will Be a Big Thing.

P. A. H. Franklin, who is managing Francisco mountains. About three months ago Mr. A. B. Lewis took up the proposition of organizing a company to work the old Solomon group in Copper gulch, near Frisco, is conwhich is exploiting the Morrison group fident that the Beaver county property will develop into a big mine. The double compartment shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet, about thirty feet kins. To these have been added a number of properties by purchase and others by location until the group now leaches the above number.

It has been known for a number of 500-foot level.

At the 300 the ore has not completeern associates to continue it on to the

an extensive vein of copper-bearing ore, ly changed from the oxidization, but but until Mr. Lewis' advent into the the values in the ore have changed macamp nobody seemed equal to the task terially for the better, a recent assay wing returns of 26 per cent copper 16 ounces in silver and \$78 gold. It has also been demonstrated that the vein has a width at that point of eighty feet from wall to wall.

Mr. Franklin believes the mining re-gions around Milford and Frisco are going to pick up. For years the Horn Silver mine has been the only property of any consequence in that locality, but now it seems that several other copper propositions are about to blossom into prominence. Diligent development work in those diggings, according to the opinion of mining men well acquainted with the geological conditions there, is sure to open up several

A NEW ORE CRUSHER.

Is a Salt Lake Man's Invention-A Successful Test.

A public trial of the Folsom ore crusher, disintregator or pulverizer, a new machine for the crushing and grinding of ores, was had at the Conk-lin sampling works on Thursday last. interests of Chicago parties, in speaking to our reporter, said: "I had thought that the descriptions given me B. Folsom of this city, who is backed this property were exaggerations, there is no room for exaggeration; this is the greatest zone of copper ore I have ever seen. It is going to take money to develop it, but it has the foundation for one of the greatest mines in Utah."

All Levis has cuttined a policy. ly gratified at the results which were

The machine is of a very unique design, unlike anything of the sort now in use. It takes the hardest kind of rock*and in a single operation reduces it from pieces 8x13 inches to any mesh desired. The test alluded to was made with a view to reducing some very difficult material to a thirty mesh with the result that a goodly portion of the same was crushed as fine as sixtv.

The invention is designed for the purpose of preparing ores for cyaniding, concentrating and amalgamating. While essentially designed for working of dry ores, wet rock is handled to an equal advantage, a superiority over all machines in use. The machine takes the place of crusher, rolls or stamps, doing the work of all in, as

COLUMBIA COPPER MINE.

It is Said 200,000 Tons of Milling Ore Are In Sight. (Bingham Bulletin.)

Columbia mines are rapidly taking a

prominent place among Bingham's new properties, and their operation for production is not far away. At present a force of eight or nine men is employed and it is estimated that upwards of 200,000 tons of milling ore—a 3 plus copper proposition—are already in sight.
What Cheer tunnel is in 860 feet and at 100-foot intervals crosscuts show twenty-five feet width of vein. No. 1 crosscut started sixty feet from the mouth, cut All's Well vein at 860 feet, where it shows eighteen feet width. The matter includes a streak of nine to fourteen inches that is a smelter proposition, the balance being comparative- lege, said:
ly low grade. No. 1 crosscut has been "Experience has taught us that college run ninety feet beyond All's Well vein, and in another sixty feet will be in Mayflower vein, from which on east side of ridge large values were taken years ago by Mullett & Davis. Drifting is now progressing on All's Well with satisfactory results. The time is not far a vay when the Columbia property will be in shape to keep a large concentrator busy indefinitely. The company is in no hurry to put in a mill, and will exercise care to make no mistake as to the kind of process suit-

Queen of Sheba Sold. (Special Correspondence)

Nephi, Utah, May 26 .- At a sheriff's scraped the material collected upon the slides. The arastra is exactly similar to those so common in the early dars, the following pieces of property for the sum of \$1.098.02, the amount of the

judgment: The Queen of Sheba, Lucy Clayton, Queen Minister, North Side, Leo, Queen Babe, Cleopatra and Crosisus lode mining claims, Logether with the Queen of Sheba mill site and the Crosisus mill site, all situated in Spring Creek mining district

Mining Notes.

Matthew Cullen of this city has a force of ten men working on the Moscow group of claims, in the Star district, and is taking out some rich ore.

R. N. Dickman, a well known expert and mining engineer, has returned from a trip to Frisco where he examined the Imperial copper project for supposed Chicago capitalists.

Captain J. A. SHEPHERD'S TRIALS

Captain J. A

Captain J. A. Eades, the local representative of the Leiter syndicate of Chicago, left last night for Soldier Summit to look over the work going on at the asphaltum property owned by the Chicago crowd.

waukee this season is to include extending main tunnel 300 feet where it will catch the Caledonia veln, from which in upper working ore was formerly shipped that sold for \$75 per ton. Idaho World: The Big Buffalo company will put up a fifty-stamp mill at Buffalo Hump this summer, and expects to expend \$200,000 in development work before realizing a dollar. This company has purchased thirty-five claims at a cost of \$700,000.

Bingham Bulletin: Within a few days the Highland Boy company has repaired the tramway main cable by replacing sections partly worn with new. Some changes are also being made at the towers and the tramway is running overtime to make up for delays.

Nevada Silver States The Pattle

be applied

Kingma, riz.) Miner: Messrs Sisson and Blaisa, are preparing to start up work on the mines at Empire Flat on a mammoth scale. At Mellen they have seventeen cars of lumber which will be taken down the river at once. Barges are being built near the bridge and the lumber and about 260 tons of freight will be floated down the Colorado river.

CALIFORNIA CURED FRUIT AS-SOCIATION MAKES ATTEMPT.

Sends Out Circular Suggesting to Packers a Form of Contract to Fix

attempt to control the prune crop this season. A last appeal has been sent out to growers in the shape of an address suggesting that the packers modify their contracts in the following particulars:

First—By striking out the provision guaranteeing prices when once made by the board, and leave the same to be changed from time to time in its discretion.

tion.

Second—That they waive their demand for 90 per cent of the crop and leave the question of percentage of the crop to be secured to the decision of the managequestion of percentage of the crop to be secured to the decision of the management of the association.

Third—That they agree not to deal with any broker or joboer who would not limit his dealings in or sales of prunes to those control—d by the association.

Fourth—To do away with the incentive to cut prices, and to simplify the transaction of their business with the association that they agree to organize into a corporation and deal with the association as one person.

tion as one person.

RAISIN GROWERS QUARREL.

President of Association Resigns Because More Pay is Refused.

Fresno, Cal., May 27.-After a long meeting characterized by many personalities, the raisin growers have refused to adopt the proposed amendment to the by-laws giving President Kearney an increase of salary from \$500 to \$1,000 per month, and have accepted his resignation. All the proposed amendments to the constitution were defeated except that which permits yotes on raisin matters to be sent votes on raisin matters to be sent through the mails. President Kearney is not disposed to abide by the result and announces that he will endeavor to have the vote in his case reconsidered.

"After suffering from severe dyspep-sia over twelve years and using many remedies vithout permanent good, finally took Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. did me so much good I recommend it to everyone," writes J. E. Watkins. Clerk and Recorder, Chillicothe, Mo. It digests what you eat. F. C. Schramm, McCornick block.

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FRANCE IS PROSPEROUS.

American Consul at Marseilles Tells of the Times.

Washington, May 27.-The United States consul at Marseilles, in his annual report printed in the forthcoming volume of commercial relations, to issue from the bureau of foreign commerce, state department, says that while recent years have constituted a period of liquidation in France'the whole country seems now prepared to emerge into commercial prepared to emerge into commercial prosperity. Capital has feared revolulutions, and business has been as bad as it could be, but there has come a change and partisans now clamor for the digging of a great canal from Marseilles to the Rhine; for the canalization of the Loire and for the creation of a ship canal connecting Paris with the sea. These schemes are cited by the consul as signs of the times.

of the times.

The relations of Marseilles with New York are more important to the local fudustrial interests than are those of any other port, and enormous expansion at taking place in the trade in both exports. and imports. The exports to the United States in 1859 amounted to \$4,128,253, yet in this movement, says the consul, the American flag was totally unrepresented

DECRIES ATHLETICS.

Faculty of Chicago Institution Re-

fuses Sanction. Chicago, May 27.-The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago decided to refuse recognition to athletes and no longer to give official sanction to the college football team. Dr. William E. Quinn, dean of the col-

"Experience has taught us that college athletics have a demoralizing and disturbing influence on the students and that they interfere with educational work of the college. We do not deny that athletics have a beneficial influence on the physical development of the young men, but the interests of education demand first recognition."

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Of Shirts, Collars, Cuffs and Shirt Waists.

TROY STEAM LAUNDRY, 166 Main Street.

Sanpete, Defends His Rights in Court and Will Claim Damages-Impatient Interest of Utah Sheepmen in the Result.

A decision given in a Wyoming district court the other day is of unusual interest to Utah sheepmen. The legislature of that state recently passed a sheepmen or those of any other state

Nevada Silver State: The Battle Mountain Mining company's properties were sold for \$56,000. A. J. Ghillin and M. Vassar are the buyers. The mines are located in Lander county. The ores yield 5 per cent copper, \$3 in gold and several ounces in silver. Several thousand tons are on the dump. answer to the state's charge of unlawfully bringing his sheep into the state of Wyoming in violation of the measure referred to. He was charged on two informations: First, that he had violated the law in bringing his sheep into the state without notifying the sheep commissioner; second, that he had brought in sheep suffering from the disease known as scab.

A trial was had on the second count, resulting in the acquittal of the defendant. The information against Mr. Crawford with regard to violation of the law which requires a permit to be obtained from the state heep commissioners, was ignored by the county at-torney, and the defendant will have to answer to this charge at the September term of court, the case having been continued for the term.

Some Inside History.

Notwithstanding the fact that the verdict was in favor of the defendant, Crawford has actually received no re lief. His sheep were seized by order of the sheep commissioners some time before the trial, and a part of the damages claimed by the state of Wyoming was actually the wages, amounting to \$100, of an understudy of Deputy Sheep Inspector Peter W. Olson, who, in turn was responsible to the state sheep inspector, Colonel Snow. Crawford's sheep are still under the eye of a deputy appointed by the state, and who draws \$5 a day for doing nothing but inflicting his presence on the employees of Crawford. In the meantime the Utah sheepman claims that his flock is unlawfully detained.

In the counties of Uinta and Sweetwater, Tim Kenney is known as the sheep king of Wyoming, and he with two others from the sheep commission of that state. Mr. Kinney has leased was responsible to the state sheep in

of that state. Mr. Kinney has leased the Union Pacific grant lands extending for twenty miles on each side of the track from Green River to Rawlins, a distance of over 100 miles. On this land Kinney grazes 100,000 head of

Judge J. H. Ryckman, who became a practitioner in this state about the first of the year, has charge of Crawford's affairs and on his authority the ford's affairs and on his authority the attack.

The Mindoro was doing her eight and a half knots and the stranger was a mile ahead, hidden by the smoke from her formed. against the state of Wyoming for probably \$5,000, principally on account of the sheep having been seized at the lambing time at which period they must be looked after very carefully.

Crawford Is From Sanpete.

David Crawford is a Utah citizen, residing at Manti. In the early spring he had his sheep transported over the state line into Wyoming, in Sweetwater county. He was either unaware of the Wyoming statute prohibiting such action on the part of aliens of the state, or it may be that he wanted to test the legality of the measure. However that may be, he soon found out that he was in the clutches of the law. The charge against him on account of hav-ing brought in scabby sheep was the likelier to hold, but on that charge he stood trial and was acquitted.

The outcome of the case will be watched eagerly by all the sheep growers of this and other states contiguous to Wyoming. If Crawford wins out the bottom will fall out of the monopoly the big sheep men with regard to the exclusive right of citizens of Wyoming to graze sheep within the state lines. awford pays taxes on his flock in Wyoming.

Liebling is coming June 5.



Prle, weak, nervous or emaciated? are anaemic-you may go into decline nem's is often a forerunner of consump-HUDYAN will cure you.

you are ansemic, then your blood is
and watery and is deficient in those
red elements that make flesh and give health and strength.

HUDYAN is a positive cure for annemia for it makes rich blood which in turn gives a glow of health to all pale and wan com-

glexions.

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under eyes fig. 2. emaciation and paleness
fig. 3. coated tongue fig. 4. palpitation of
heart fig. 5. disordered digestion fir. 6. torpid liver fig. 7. weakness of extremities fig.
8-8: all these symptoms indicate anaemia.

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Important Test Case in Wyom- American Gunboat Mindoro

Bingham Bulletin: Work in the Tie- David Crawford, a Flockmaster From Explanations Follow-Boat is an American Transport Carrying Filipinos and Commander Feared Their Countrymen Planned an Attack Coincident With a Mutiny.

> (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) Manila, April 18.—The small gunboats that the United States bought or captured from Spain, vessels of the Leyte, Samar, Mindoro and Pamanga type, are measure which, if constitutional, would commanded by young naval officers and be absolutely prohibitive of Utah do patrol duty along the coast. The Mindoro, Ensign McCarthy commanding, has just returned from the northwest coast of Luzon, where for two months she had been steaming back and forth, looking for filibusters. Such duty is monotonous to a degree, a heavy sea or a hot sun being about the only difference from one day to another. But, now and then, excitement does come to this patrol and the weary work of months is forgotten in the hope of a good capture or a good fight. Two weeks ago, at 2 o'clock of a misty morning the vigilant watch on the Mindoro, cruising north of Aparri, spied a steamer's lights and the gunboat was headed to cross the stranger s bows. No especial interest was attached to the strange vessel by the crew of the gunboat, for the coastwise traders are always silpping in and out of Aparri. Still it is the duty of the patrol to ascertain what all vessels are doing as any one may be on illegitimate business. just returned from the northwest coast of

duty of the patrol to ascertain what all vessels are doing as any one may be on illegitimate business.

The Mindoro was running without lights. She had come to within a mile and a half of the stranger, when the latter suddenly changed her course and the heavy clouds of smoke that rolled from her funnel told those on the gunboat that she was going to run away. Then hope dawned in the hearts of the coast patrol. After waiting and watching for two months perhaps they had at last found an enemy. The jingle-beil rang in the engine room and the Mindoro gathered headway for the chase.

Defies Shots Agrees Park

Defies Shots Across Bow.

"Fire a shot well across her bow," commanded Ensign McCarthy, and the sixpounder barked its arbitrary orders over to the stranger. She paid no attention. "Give her another well clear," came the order from the bridge. But the second summons was unheeded like the first." "Drop one over her this time, so she'll hear it pass," ordered the ensign, and the gunner obeyed.

The stranger answered this third and

Prize Within Grasp.

Here was a prize in their very grasp. She was surely a filibuster trying to land arms or a steamer conveying the fugitive Aguinaldo to Hongkong—no such capture had been made in a year, and the patient waiting and watching of the Mindoro were at last to be rewarded. There were the best of good reasons to believe this. Why should any honest ship run from the third summons to halt, knowing, as all ships do, what comes after?

The Mindoro was doing her eight and a half knots and the stranger was a mile

"Can you get a sight on her?" asked the

"Can you get a sight on her?" asked the bridge of the gunner.

"No, sir: nothing but her smoke."

"Open fire on her—3,000 yards," and following this order the six-pounder sent shot after shot into the cloud of smoke ahead. After the fifth shot there were three sharp reports from the direction of the stranger, and three bullets sang over the gunboat's deck.

Then the crew of the Mindoro positively cheered, they were so happy.

They cleared the ship for action, brought on deck their twelve Lee rifles and a fiberal supply of ammunition for all her guns.

Stranger Slows Down.

After the eighth shot from the sixpounder the stranger blew long blasts on
her steam whistle and then slowed down.
The Mindoro ran through her trailing
smoke and in a few minutes was close to
a black painted steamer, her lights again
lit and her decks crowded with men.
Ensign McCarthy called away a boat
with an armed crew and prepared to
board.

As he left the Mindoro's side a voice from the stranger called in good English: "Are you an American ship?"

McCarthy, not wishing to give the supposed enemy the advantage of any information concerning his identity, especially when one-third of his available gighting force were an easy mark in

formation concerning his identity, especially when one-third of his available fighting force were an easy mark in an open boat, replied: "I will speak with you when I board you."

As the Mindoro's boat approached the strange steamer the same question was again shouted to the ensign and he answered it as he had done the first time. At length Ensign McCarthy, inounted the stranger's gangway and on reaching her decks he noticed they were crowled with frightened and astonished Filipinos. "Tell the captain of this ship I want to see him upon the bridge at once," ordered the American officer, and he walked forward. At this moment a man in pajamas overtook him and introduced immself as Major Whitely of the Sixteenth regiment. "I am Ensign McCarthy, commanding the United States gunboat Mindoro," answered the naval officer. "I am very glad to meet you, sir."

Major Whitely, Ensign McCarthy and the Spanish captain of the Compania Maritima's steamer Tarlac, for such the vessel proved to be, then proceeded to the bridge and the incomprehensible matter was explained.

Had Feared a Mutiny.

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The Tarlac was bound from Laoag, on the west coast, to Aparri, on the north. She had on board filty [Filipinos for the latter port, seven American soldiers and Major Whitely, who had been but ten days in the islands and was joining his regiment at Aparri. Before the Tarlac left Laoag Major Whitely heard a story to the effect that the fitty Filipino passengers contemplated mutiny and the capture of the steamer before she reached her destination. They were, it was alleged, to act in conjunction with men on the coast, who, at a designated point, were to board the Tarlac from an armed raft and help in the fighting.

So Major Whitely was very careful and watched closely for the promised raft. When the Mindoro was sighted she was mistaken for the raft and Major Whitely told the captain of the Tarlac to steam away. This was done.

Later, it occurred to the major that it would be a good plan to ram the raft, sink it and drown the enemy. The Spanish captain declined to attempt this, giving as his reason that no raft could steam eight knots an hour and fire shells from a six-pounder, and he was not going to try to ram an American gunboat.

This did not convince Major Whitely of his mistake, who as an American officer on a chartered transport was in command of that vessel and by virtue of his mistake, who as an American officer on a chartered transport was in command of that vessel and by virtue of his mistake, who as an American officer of a chartered transport was in command of that vessel and by virtue of his mistake, who as an American officer on a chartered transport was in command of that vessel and by virtue of his authority he made the Spanish captain continue his flight from the supposed raft until after the eighth shot from the Mindoro. This was the explanation of the Tarlac's curious behavior.

Warns the Spanish Captain.

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Ensign McCarthy explained to Major Whitely that the Filipinos had no vessels or boats in which they could venture an attack by sea and they certainly possessed no six-pounder rapid fire gun, and he warned the Spanish captain that in future it would be safer to heave to when ordered so to do by any craft on the high seas. To this the captain shrugged his shoulders and pointed to Major Whitely. "And now may I inquire why three shots were fired at us?" asked Ensign McCarthy.

"I ordered a soldier to fire them." answered Major Whitely, "thinking you were this raft I have been speaking about."

were this rait about."

"Very well, sir; that is sufficient," replied Ensign McCarthy, and he bade them good night, expressed his regret at having interrupted their journey and was rowed back to the Mindoro.

While Ensign McCarthy was on board

the Tarlac, Cadet Weichert, second in command of the Mindoro, had all guns trained on the stranger and was ready for action should occasion demand. A few words from Ensign McCarthy explained the situation to the still expectant and hopeful men on his ship and then the gunboat steamed away to further months of vigilant watching. The Mindoro is of 143 tons burden. She is 105 feet in length and her draft is eight feet. She is armed with one sixpounder, two one-pound revolving cannon, one Colt's automatic and one Gatling gun. The crew consists of twenty-three men, all told.



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